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The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

An air conditioner (1), comprising: 1. (Currently Amended) an air conditioning mechanism configured and arranged to perform (11, 12, 21) for performing air conditioning of indoor air;

an air deflector configured and arranged relative to the air conditioning mechanism to selectively adjust an air flow (144) for adjusting the direction in which said conditioned air is discharged from the air conditioning mechanism; and

a control unit operatively coupled to the air conditioning mechanism to selectively perform (60) for performing powerful operation whereby the a capacity of said air conditioning mechanism (11, 12, 21) is temporarily increased, [[;]] wherein,

said control unit being further operatively coupled to the air deflector to selectively adjust the air flow-(60) adjusts the direction of said air deflector (144) in accordance with the a signal representing a detected direction in which people are present during said powerful operation.

2. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim claim 1, wherein

said control unit (60) is configured and arranged to selectively adjust adjusts the air flow direction of said air deflector (144) so that air is discharged in the detected direction in which people are present during said powerful operation.

3. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim claim 1, wherein

said control unit (60) is configured and arranged to selectively adjust adjusts the air flow direction of said air deflector (144) so that air is discharged in the a direction in which people are not present during said powerful operation.

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4. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 3 claim 1, wherein

said control unit (60) is configured and arranged to selectively maintain the air flow direction of said air deflector (144) is fixed at a fixed orientation during said powerful operation.

5. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 3 claim 1, wherein

said control unit (60) is further configured and arranged to selectively change a the swing range of said air deflector (144) is changed to a different swing range during said powerful operation.

6. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 5 claim 1, further comprising:

a timer <u>configured</u> and <u>arranged to selectively limit a (45) for limiting the</u> time in which <u>said control unit performs</u> said powerful operation is <u>performed</u>.

7. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 6, wherein

said control unit is further operatively coupled to said timer such that a time at which said air deflector (144) is stopped during said powerful operation is set in said timer (45).

8. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 7 claim 1, wherein

said air deflector (144) comprises a vertically moving movable flap.

9. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 8 claim 1, further comprising:

a sensor (44) configured and arranged to detect for detecting said people during said powerful operation and output the signal representing the detected direction of said people to said control unit.

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10. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 9 claim 1, wherein

said control unit is further configured and arranged to selectively adjust the air flow direction of said air deflector (144) is adjusted when said powerful operation is set during cooling operation.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an air conditioner (1) comprising:

operating having an air conditioning mechanism (11, 12, 21) for performing air conditioning of indoor air;

controlling said air conditioning mechanism for selectively performing powerful operation such that a capacity of said air conditioning mechanism is temporarily increased; and

adjusting an air deflector (144) for selectively controlling adjusting the an air flow direction of in which said conditioned air is discharged from said air conditioning mechanism such that the air flow direction of said air deflector is adjusted in accordance with a detected direction in which people are present during said powerful operation. ; and

a control unit for performing powerful operation whereby the capacity of said air conditioning mechanism (11, 12, 21) is temporarily increased, comprising: adjusting the direction of said air deflector (144) in accordance with the direction in which people are present during said powerful operation.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for controlling an air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 11, wherein

the <u>adjusting of the air flow</u> direction of said air deflector (144) is adjusted so that air is discharged in the <u>detected</u> direction in which people are present during said powerful operation.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for controlling an air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 11, wherein

the <u>adjusting of the air flow</u> direction of said air deflector (144) is adjusted so that air is discharged in the <u>a</u> direction in which people are not present during said powerful operation.

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- 14. (New) The air conditioner as recited in claim 2, wherein said control unit is configured and arranged to selectively maintain the air flow direction of said air deflector at a fixed orientation during said powerful operation.
- 15. (New) The air conditioner as recited in claim 2, wherein said control unit is further configured and arranged to selectively change a swing range of said air deflector to a different swing range during said powerful operation.
 - 16. (New) The air conditioner as recited in claim 2, wherein said air deflector comprises a vertically movable flap.
- 17. (New) The air conditioner as recited in claim 3, wherein said control unit is configured and arranged to selectively maintain the air flow direction of said air deflector at a fixed orientation during said powerful operation.
- 18. (New) The air conditioner as recited in claim 3, wherein said control unit is further configured and arranged to selectively change a swing range of said air deflector to a different swing range during said powerful operation.
 - 19. (New) The air conditioner as recited in claim 2, wherein said air deflector comprises a vertically movable flap.